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VOCABULARY 1

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1. **aghast**

adjective

struck with terror, amazement, or horror : SHOCKED

2. **assail**

verb

to attack violently with blows or words

3. **banns**

noun

public announcement especially in church of a proposed marriage

4. **bile**

noun

1 a : either of two humors associated in old physiology with irascibility and melancholy

b : a yellow or greenish viscid alkaline fluid secreted by the liver and passed into the duodenum where it aids especially in the emulsification and absorption of fats

2 : inclination to anger

5. **chandler**

noun

1 : a maker or seller of tallow or wax candles and usually soap

2 : a retail dealer in provisions and supplies or equipment of a specified kind

6. **commiserate**

verb

1 : to feel or express sympathy : CONDOLE

2 : to feel or express sorrow or compassion for

7. **conciliatory**

verb

1 : to gain (as goodwill) by pleasing acts

2 : to make compatible : RECONCILE

3 : APPEASE

4 : : to become friendly or agreeable

synonym see PACIFY

8. **connubial**

adjective

of or relating to the married state : CONJUGAL

9. **consternation**

noun

amazement or dismay that hinders or throws into confusion

10. **contumacious**

adjective

stubbornly disobedient : REBELLIOUS

11. **cravat**

noun

1 : a band or scarf worn around the neck

2 : NECKTIE

12. **detest**

verb

1 : to feel intense and often violent antipathy toward : LOATHE

2 : CURSE, DENOUNCE

synonym see HATE

13. **dissuade**

verb

1 a : to advise (a person) against something

b : to advise against (an action)

2 : to turn from something by persuasion

14. **elixir**

noun

1 a (1) : a substance held capable of changing base metals into gold

(2) : a substance held capable of prolonging life indefinitely

b (1) : CURE-ALL

(2) : a medicinal concoction

2 : a sweetened liquid usually containing alcohol that is used in medication either for its medicinal ingredients or as a flavoring

3 : the essential principle

15. **ensue**

verb

1 : to strive to attain : PURSUE

2 : to take place afterward or as a result

synonym see FOLLOW

16. **expectorate**

verb

1 : to eject from the throat or lungs by coughing or hawking and spitting

2 : SPIT

3 : to discharge matter from the throat or lungs by coughing or hawking and spitting

17. **garret**

noun

a room or unfinished part of a house just under the roof

18. **gluttony**

noun

1 : excess in eating or drinking

2 : greedy or excessive indulgence

19. **homily**

noun

1 : a usually short sermon

2 : a lecture or discourse on or of a moral theme

3 : an inspirational catchphrase; also : PLATITUDE

20. imperious

adjective

1 a : befitting or characteristic of one of eminent rank or attainments : COMMANDING, DOMINANT

b : marked by arrogant assurance : DOMINEERING

2 : intensely compelling : URGENT

synonym see MASTERFUL

21. imprecation

noun

1 : CURSE

2 : the act of imprecating

22. impregnable

adjective

1 : incapable of being taken by assault : UNCONQUERABLE

2 : UNASSAILABLE; also : IMPENETRABLE

23. intimate

verb

1 : to make known especially publicly or formally : ANNOUNCE

2 : to communicate delicately and indirectly : HINT

synonym see SUGGEST

24. larcenous

adjective

1 : having the character of or constituting larceny

2 : committing larceny

25. omnipotent

adjective

1 often capitalized : ALMIGHTY

2 : having virtually unlimited authority or influence

3 : ARRANT

26. prodigal

adjective

1 : recklessly extravagant

2 : characterized by wasteful expenditure : LAVISH

3 : yielding abundantly : LUXURIANT – often used with of

synonym see PROFUSE

27. prodigious

adjective

1 a : being an omen : PORTENTOUS

b : resembling or befitting a prodigy : STRANGE, UNUSUAL

2 : exciting amazement or wonder

3 : extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree : ENORMOUS

synonym see MONSTROUS

28. regale

verb

1 : to entertain sumptuously : feast with delicacies

2 : to give pleasure or amusement to

3 : to feast oneself : FEED

29. **restorative**

adjective

of or relating to restoration; especially : having power to restore

30. **trenchant**

adjective

1 : KEEN, SHARP

2 : vigorously effective and articulate; also : CAUSTIC

3 a : sharply perceptive : PENETRATING

b : CLEAR-CUT, DISTINCT

31. **vestry**

noun

1 a : SACRISTY

b : a room used for church meetings and classes

2 a : the business meeting of an English parish

b : an elective body in an Episcopal parish composed of the rector and a group of elected parishioners administering the temporal affairs of the parish

32. **vicarious**

adjective

1 a : serving instead of someone or something else

b : that has been delegated

2 : performed or suffered by one person as a substitute for another or to the benefit or advantage of another : SUBSTITUTIONARY

3 : experienced or realized through imaginative or sympathetic participation in the experience of another

4 : occurring in an unexpected or abnormal part of the body instead of the usual one

33. **vivacious**

adjective

lively in temper, conduct, or spirit : SPRIGHTLY

synonym see LIVELY

34. **waistcoat**

noun

1 : an ornamental garment worn under a doublet

2 : VEST